

House Group Charges Abuse of Retirements For Disability in Navy

"Discrimination" and "abuses" in granting disability retirement to naval officers was charged in a report of the House Naval Affairs Committee on file today.

In its report to the House, the committee accused the Navy of favoring regular officers over Reserve officers in giving wartime disability benefits.

The report said the Navy Department has pursued an "overly liberal and generous attitude toward disability retirement of regulars," particularly in the case of "high-ranking officers and those 'plucked out' at least efficient."

It was pointed out that disability pay is tax-free, and the rate is higher in many instances than pension for length of service.

Another charge made by the committee is that "a large proportion" of officers who served as members of retiring boards gained maximum benefits themselves.

Senior medical officers, it was said, showed a similar high ratio of retirement for physical disability.

While Secretary Forrestal took "appropriate steps" to correct apparent inequalities when they were called to his attention, the committee said, "it would appear desirable for Congress to maintain a close check on retirements."

The committee recommended that Congress require the Navy to submit a report regularly on all disability retirements, the cause of each and the amount granted.

O'Connor Set to Take Seat Despite Protest

Former Gov. Herbert R. O'Connor of Maryland was ready to take his seat in the Senate today over the protest of his Republican rival, D. John Markey, whose petition for a recount in the November election is before the Senate.

Senator-elect O'Connor was assigned suite 248 in the Senate Office Building, formerly occupied by Senator Brewster, Republican, of Maine, on the same floor as the one held by Senator Tydings, Maryland's senior Senator.

Charges of "irregularities" in the Maryland election were investigated by the Senate Campaign Investigating Committee, but a formal report has not yet been made on its findings. Chairman Ellender said, however, he personally knew of no reason why Mr. O'Connor should not be seated, and Republican members of the committee said they would not oppose his seating.

Mr. Markey's petition, filed yesterday, was expected to be referred to the Rules Committee. He charged that 50 voting machines in Baltimore had been improperly sealed during the balloting.

These machines, he said, were found "in such a condition that there is no assurance that such machines had not been tampered with and unlawful votes registered after the election." He asked the Senate to authorize a recount of all ballots.

Veterans' Bonus Bill Ready for Introduction

A bill to pay all World War I veterans a bonus of \$4 per day for home service and \$5 for every day overseas was ready today for introduction by Representative Pace, Democrat, of Georgia.

Mr. Pace also planned measures to make terminal leave of enlisted personnel payable in cash March 15 and to raise the salary limits for veterans participating in the Government on-the-job training program.

World War I veterans were paid a bonus of \$1 daily for home service and \$1.25 for overseas duty, but Mr. Pace declared that civilian wages were higher during World War II and that the cost of living was up tremendously now.

As drafted, the bill covers all personnel. The World War I bonus was paid only to those below the grade of major.

Gen. McMullen Is Named Deputy to Gen. Kenney

Maj. Gen. St. Clair Streett of Washington, newly named director of the Army's recruiting drive for volunteers, has been succeeded as deputy commander of the Strategic Air Command, Andrews Field, Md., by Maj. Gen. Clements McMullen, who formerly headed the 8th Air Force.

The assignment of Gen. Streett as chief of the Military Personnel Procurement Service, in the Adjutant General's Office, resulted yesterday afternoon. In other shifts of duty, Brig. Gen. Burdett M. Fitch, who was temporarily in charge of the Army recruiting drive, has now become Gen. Streett's deputy.

Gen. McMullen's shift to second place in the Strategic Air Command under Gen. George C. Kenney brought about the elevation of Brig. Gen. Roger M. Ramey from deputy to commanding general of the 8th Air Force. The latter eventually will be appointed a major general.

Gen. Streett, 53, a native of Washington, was wartime commander of the 13th Air Force and turned to military aviation after World War I. He and his wife live at 3130 Wisconsin avenue N.W. Their only son, St. Clair, Jr., is a second-year cadet at West Point.

Both Gen. McMullen and Gen. Ramey are veterans in the AAF.

Sentry in Payroll Hoax Sent to Pacific Outpost

HAMILTON, WY., Jan. 3.—Pvt. Jimmy Hill, the 17-year-old, rookie sentry who enjoyed a short-lived spell as a hero before admitting that his "frustration" of an imaginary \$250,000 payroll robbery at Hamilton Field was a hoax, has been sent overseas.

Hamilton Field officers said yesterday the Robinson (Ill.) youth left by plane yesterday to meet the rest of his contingent at a Pacific outpost.

Col. Jerry Page, executive officer, said Hill was ready for shipment overseas this week when he contacted his story of routing six bandits who sought to relieve the field's pay office of \$250,000. The youth later said he made up his story to hide his embarrassment at having accidentally broken a window at the office as he marched sentry duty.

O'Connor Saves 3 From Hanging In Prince Georges Attack Case

Special Dispatch to The Star

ANNAPOLIS, Jan. 3.—In one of his last official acts before becoming a United States Senator today, Gov. O'Connor commuted death sentences to life imprisonment for three colored youths convicted of criminal assault in Prince Georges County.

The victim of the attack was a Washington insurance firm secretary, who was in an automobile with her fiancé, a coast guardman. The attack occurred near Huntville last March. Her companion was beaten and robbed.

The Governor's office announced yesterday the death sentence of Willie Gray Taylor, 15, had been commuted to life imprisonment. To "at least efficient."

Telephone Unions in D. C., 3 States to Map Demands

By the Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 3.—Seven unions within the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co. system in three States and the District of Columbia will meet here next Wednesday and Thursday to formulate bargaining objectives for new contract negotiations which are expected to begin in February.

Alfred V. Atkinson, chairman of the Virginia Federation of Telephone Workers, said that present contracts expire March 31 and, in accordance with national union plans, demands must be submitted to individual companies by February 1. The groups to meet here include the Virginia workers, representatives of a West Virginia union, two from Washington, D. C., and three from Maryland.

Wage increases of about \$12 a week have been listed among objectives of negotiations outlined by the National Federation of Telephone Workers, an organization of autonomous unions with which the Virginia workers are affiliated.

The Virginia union bargains for about 5,500 telephone workers. It has indicated its approval of the telephone company's request to the Virginia Corporation Commission for an increase in Virginia telephone rates, which is to be heard January 13. Mr. Atkinson said favorable action on the request could have "only a favorable effect" on the union's objectives.

New Episcopal Bishop Seeks War Areas Fund

By the Associated Press

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—A campaign to raise \$1,000,000 for the relief of Episcopal churches in war areas was announced yesterday as the immediate objective of the Right Rev. Henry K. Sherrill, new presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church in the United States.

Bishop Sherrill assumed office yesterday in succession to the Right Rev. Henry St. George Tucker. He said the funds, to be used for food and clothing, temporary churches, and other necessities, would be raised in a campaign from February 15 to April 15.

"The money is desperately needed at the present time and we cannot wait until fall," Bishop Sherrill said.

The fund-raising drive was voted by the General Convention last September. An additional \$2,000,000 will be raised within the next three years.

Mandl Emissary Reported Due to Visit Vienna Soon

By the Associated Press

VIENNA, Jan. 3.—An editor of Oesterreichische Volkstimme said yesterday that Dr. Ludwig Draxler, former finance minister of Austria, was en route from Vaduz, Liechtenstein, to Vienna as a business emissary for Fritz Mandl, former Austrian munitions manufacturer and first husband of Actress Hedy Lamarr.

The editor said Mandl apparently was trying to buy into Austrian industry, but that he probably would not attempt to return to the country. Austrian officials denied all knowledge of reports of Mandl being in the tiny principality of Liechtenstein, which borders on Austria.

A Russian dispatch by the agency Tass from Vienna Tuesday said Mandl had returned to Europe from Argentina and was in Liechtenstein near the Austrian border.

Woodring Aids Movement For Truman-Farley Ticket

By the Associated Press

TOPEKA, Kans., Jan. 3.—Former Secretary of War Harry H. Woodring said yesterday he had "aided" a movement to boom James A. Farley as a running mate for President Truman in 1948.

Mr. Woodring, former Governor of Kansas and Secretary of War in the early part of President Roosevelt's administration, expressed the belief that a Truman-Farley ticket would be the strongest the Democrats could offer.

His disclosure that he had "aided" a movement for the former Postmaster General followed a New York Daily News story that a Truman-Farley boom would be "openly launched" at the Jefferson Day dinner in New York some time in April.

Aranha Flying to U. S.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 3. (P.)—Oswaldo Aranha, former Brazilian Foreign Minister, left by plane today for New York. He will take part next week in a World Affairs Forum in Cleveland, Ohio, and also expects to visit Washington.

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Fathers Dispute Intent Of Missing Co-ed And Ex-Convict

By the Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 3.—The parents of a 20-year-old co-ed and a 42-year-old ex-convict who disappeared together New Year Day disagreed sharply over the couple's intentions today.

Said Robert N. Hemming, father of Robert H. Hemming, 20, who was convicted in Anne Arundel County on a charge of venereal disease and sentenced to 18 months in the State Prison for a 1946 assault on a woman, "I'm convinced it was not an abduction, but that she went of her own free will to marry her as soon as he can. He is free to do so, as he is divorced."

Said Prof. E. E. Kimberly of Ohio State University, after receiving a report that his daughter, Mary Virginia, had refused to part company with Hemming: "If that is true, I am convinced that my daughter has been doped."

Earlier Prof. Kimberly had signed an affidavit and a warrant was issued for Hemming's arrest.

The couple was last seen when they appeared at the home of Hemming's cousin in Lakewood, a suburb of Cleveland, late yesterday.

Police still continued a search for the co-ed and the ex-convict. Hemming has served prison terms in five States.

Hemming's Lakewood relatives said they urged him and the girl to return to Columbus at 5:30 yesterday afternoon.

"I'm going to marry that girl," the relatives quoted him as saying. Hemming, member of a prominent family in suburban Upper Arlington, said he and the girl had been together since they were 15.

An unidentified cousin of Hemming said he and Miss Kimberly gave no indication they would follow the girl to return home.

Miss Sara Hemming, high school and college companion of Miss Kimberly, said the cousin telephoned her that the missing pair had started back to Columbus about 5:45 p.m. yesterday because they "got scared" after hearing a news broadcast.

Hemming, it was reported, met Miss Kimberly on Christmas. He had returned, his family said, from California when he was made idle by the movie studio strike.

Hemming's prison record of forgery, grand larceny and automobile theft sent him to prisons in California, Washington, Kansas, Texas and Georgia, plus a couple of Ohio arrests and the list dates back to 1927, according to the Ohio State Bureau of Identification.

Prof. Kimberly described his daughter as an accomplished pianist, sharp-witted, keen-minded and very self-sufficient.

Rites for Mrs. Sarah Violette Will Be Held Tomorrow

Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah Katherine Violette, 85, of Seneca, Md., who died Wednesday, will be held at 2 p.m. tomorrow at the Pumphrey funeral home at Rockville. Burial will be at Darrestown.

Mrs. Violette had lived at Seneca for 61 years and was one of its oldest residents. Born in Loudoun County, Va., she was the former Sarah Katherine Eberhart. She was the widow of Alfred L. Violette, who formerly had charge of the Seneca lock on the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal.

Their home at Seneca was a lodge for many Washingtonians who hunted and fished on the Potomac. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. George Olsen, Silver Spring, and Mrs. Sidney Connell, Seneca; three sisters, Mrs. Lydia Henley and Mrs. Etta Harris of Washington and Mrs. Gwynn Harris of Trivoli, Md., and 10 grandchildren.

Clarence B. Riker, 83, Amazon Explorer, Dies

By the Associated Press

SOUTH ORANGE, N. J., Jan. 3.—Clarence Bayley Riker, 83, Amazon explorer and a retired drug manufacturer, died yesterday at his home here after a long illness.

He was descended from an old Dutch family which settled in New York in 1638 and which owned large tracts of land in New York and Long Island, including Rikers Island.

In his many trips to Brazil, Mr. Riker collected bird and insect specimens, many of which were turned over to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington.

Joseph D. Leahy Dies; Insurance Executive

By the Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn., Jan. 3.—Joseph D. Leahy, 61, secretary of the Travelers Fire and Charter Oak Fire Insurance Co.'s, died yesterday after he was suddenly stricken in his office.

Considered one of the Nation's leading authorities on fire re-insurance, Mr. Leahy was in direct charge of re-insurance on a Nation-wide basis.

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Infant Mortality Rate At Record Low in Virginia

By the Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 3.—The State Health Department reported that in the first 11 months of 1946 the infant mortality rate in Virginia was 40.8 and that unless the rate for December should be considerably higher, would result in a record low for the year.

As recently as 1913, 103 children of every 1,000 live births died under the age of 1 year.

During the first 11 months of 1946 there were 61,888 live births recorded, nearly 10 per cent above the same period of 1945. In the 11-month period only 1,626 infant deaths were reported, a decrease of 10 per cent from the comparable 1945 period.

Cancer Survey Project Proposed for District

A survey by the District Health Department to discover the incidence of cancer in Washington will begin as soon as the Commissioners approve a plan suggested to Health Officer George C. Ruhland by Dr. Harold Dorn of the United States Health Service.

Dr. Dorn suggested that about a dozen medical students be employed to scan hospital cancer records and to interview physicians who do not respond to questionnaires sent out by the Health Department. The cost of the survey is estimated by Dr. Dorn at about \$4,000, which would be paid out of the \$11,000 which has been given the department by the Public Health Service.

Carver Memorial Set At D. C. Church Sunday

Memorial services for the late Dr. George Washington Carver, Negro scientist, will be held at the Mount Carmel Baptist Church auditorium, Third and I streets N.W., at 3:30 p.m. Sunday.

The memorial sermon will be preached by the Rev. C. T. Murray, pastor of the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church, Vermont Avenue group, including the Vermont Avenue Baptist Chorus Choir, will present programs.

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Nurseries May Get Montgomery Funds

Four Montgomery County day nurseries, faced with closing because the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission finds it necessary to "hush" its resources, may be able to continue operations through assistance from the new Republican county administration.

More than 80 parents last night heard School Supt. Edwin W. Broome, County Supervisor I. G. McNay and Chairman Brooke Johns of the Board of County Commissioners outline a plan of continued operations subject to approval of the School Board on Tuesday and indorsement by the commissioners. They met in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Recreation Center with Mrs. Wesley McCune, nurseries' director, presiding.

Under the plan outlined by the three speakers last night, the nurseries' \$700 monthly deficit will be met from Board of Education funds and if there is a school deficit at the end of the fiscal year the county commissioners will appropriate sufficient money to wipe out the loss due to nursery maintenance.

Mrs. McCune said the total monthly operating cost is about \$4,000, with \$3,300 coming from tuition fees.

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Service Center Closes Shop With Record Of 3,500,000 Aided

The United Nations Service Center, the community-run hotel on Union Station Plaza which served 3,500,000 servicemen during the war years, closed shop today.

Mrs. Henry Gratton Doyle, chairman of the War Hospitality Committee, handed the key to Maj. Gen. Philip B. Fleming, Public Works Administrator. Tomorrow six employees will inventory and pack the property. The structure may become an office building for use of Government agencies, Gen. Fleming said. Which agencies will use it has not been determined.

Brig. Gen. Claude B. Ferenbaugh, commander of the Washington military district, said, "You have rendered an outstanding service to the Army. I give you its highest praise, the traditional 'Well Done!'"

Admiral Glenn B. Davis, commander of the Potomac River Naval Command, said "On behalf of the Navy, I give you its highest praise, the traditional 'Well Done!'"

A guard of honor of two WACS, two soldiers and four sailors, stood at attention during the ceremony. A Navy orchestra played the national anthem. All the speakers thanked the volunteer workers, some 50 of whom were present.

T/Sgt. Charles Johns from Walter Reed Hospital, whose right leg was amputated as war part of his left foot, was in a wheel chair in the front row. The chair was chauffeured by Pfc. John Brigrman, another patient.

Mrs. William Galvin, executive secretary of the center, had tears in her eyes. All the volunteers were sorrowful about the closing of the place in which they had done so much wartime work.

Among those who came to the ceremony were Mrs. Margaret Harper, Mrs. Ada Farrington, Mrs. B. F. Taylor, Miss Katharine E. Williams, Mrs. Walter L. Dutton, Miss Margaret Clements, Mrs. W. A. Russell, Mrs. Sophie Coyne Baker, Mrs. Tom Judge, Mrs. A. F. O'Donnell, Mrs. Albert J. Maier, Miss Pearl Jones.

Virginian Dies in Chair For 'Booby-Trap' Murder

By the Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 3.—Amon J. Gusler, 32, mild-mannered, bespectacled furniture worker of Martinsville, who admitted that after stealing a kiss from a fellow worker's wife he rigged up a dynamite death trap for the husband, died in the electric chair at the Virginia Penitentiary early today.

Gusler, married and the father of two daughters, said he killed J. Russell Smith, 35, another worker at a Bassett (Va.) furniture plant, because he feared the consequences after he had stolen the kiss at a drinking party in Mr. Smith's home two years ago.

Early last May, Gusler related, he entered the plant's electric control room and rigged the explosive charge under the desk, wiring it to the switch. In June, Mr. Smith, the father of three children, stepped into the office and pulled the switch. The explosion wrecked the plant and killed Smith.

1,600 Japs' Homes Burn

By the Associated Press

TOKYO, Jan. 3. (P.)—More than 1,600 residents of Toyama lost their homes in a fire that raged 365 houses yesterday.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION NORTHWESTERN FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN ASSN.

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ASSETS	LIABILITIES
First Trust Loans.....\$6,270,922.68	Members' Share Accounts.....\$7,203,721.37
Loans on Passbooks and Certificates.....3,952.26	Loans in Process.....18,673.21
Properties Sold on Contract.....10,902.16	Other Liabilities.....1,563.72
Stock in Federal Home Loan Bank, United States Government Bonds.....1,250,000.00	Specific Reserves.....14,871.84
Interest Accrued on Government Bonds.....4,520.87	General Reserves and Undivided Profits.....695,595.27
Cash on Hand and in Banks.....304,195.59	
Office Building and Equipment, less Depreciation.....20,414.76	
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